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Washington, DC 20231Attorney Docket No.  
of Prior Application

09/714,469

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Examiner Name

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Group Art Unit

1714

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transmissionThis is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),  
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09 / 714,469filed on 11/16/2000, entitled Polymer Blends Containing Polyhydroxyalkanoates and Compositions  
with Good Extension of Filiguration**NOTES****FILING QUALIFICATIONS:** The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to and Provisional Application Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).**C-I-P NOT PERMITTED:** A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).**EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.**ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning, the other application or applications in the file jacket.**35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT:** In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 CFR 1.78(a).**WARNING:** Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.


- ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
- ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
- This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).
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  - ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
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TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.15(e) or (j))		-20* =	6	x \$ 18.00 =	\$ 108.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b) or (i))		-3** =	2	x \$ 84.00 =	168.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))				+ \$ 280.00 =	280.00
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.18)	740.00
Total of above Calculations =					1296.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.27).					648.00
* Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent. ** Reissue independent claims over original patent.					TOTAL = 648.00

6. ☒ Small entity status: Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 50 - 1868:
- a. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
- b. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17.
- c. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.18.
8. ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
9. ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
10. ☐ Applicant requests suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(b) (fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) enclosed).
11. ☐ New Attorney Docket Number, if desired \_\_\_\_\_  
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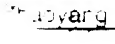
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<p><b>2. APPLICATION IDENTIFICATION:</b>                  (Provide at least enough information to identify the application)</p>		
<p><b>a. For prior application</b></p>		
Application No:		09/714,469
Filing Date:		November 16, 2000
Title:		Polymer Blends Containing Polyhydroxyalkanoates and Compositions With Good Retention of Elongation
Attorney Docket No:		MOBT 189 DIV
First Named Inventor:		Jawed Asrar and Jean R. Pierre
<p><b>b. For instant CPA application</b></p>		
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Filed: November 16, 2000

Examiner: T. H. Yoon

For: *POLYMER BLENDS CONTAINING POLYHYDROXYALKANOATES  
AND COMPOSITIONS WITH GOOD RETENTION OF ELONGATION*

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows. This Preliminary Amendment is being filed along with a Request for a Continued Prosecution Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Submitted with this Preliminary Amendment is a Petition for Extension of Time, along with the required fee, to extend the period for response two months, to and including March 14, 2003.

It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, should an additional fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.